

TOWN OF UNION
"MINI NEWSLETTER"

JULY 2013

I have received several inquiries concerning the lack of a newsletter recently. I love the fact that people read these and enjoy them; we did not do a newsletter when we mailed the town report, mostly due to time limitations. The next mailed newsletter will be when the tax bills arrive in late summer.

VACANCIES: We have several vacancies on boards and committees including; planning board, appeals board, Tri-county solid waste and school board. Please fill out a statement of interest form found on our website or come in person to pick one up. The Board of Selectmen will fill these positions in August.

AYER PARK: Most of you have heard about the trash and vandalism at Ayer Park by now. We had some significant damage to the porta-potties as well as trash and diapers strewn about the park. This caused a serious health concern and we were forced to close the park for about 10 days. It is now open and it is our hope that we can keep this clean and sanitary. We urge anyone to call the Knox Sheriff's Department and report any vandalism or littering. The Town has asked for a zero tolerance policy and all litterers will be summonsed. Security cameras will be installed and will also be used as evidence.

FOUNDERS DAY: Founder's Day will be held on July 19, 20 and 21 again this year. The Board of Selectmen are no longer running this program and it is being done by volunteers. If you wish to volunteer, send me an e-mail and I will direct you to the correct people. Flyers of the events are around town, please pick one up and bring your friends and neighbors.

TAX BILLS AND REVENUES: This year I presented the Board of Selectmen with a Municipal budget that was several thousand less than the previous year. However the school and county budgets went up slightly, eating away any savings at the local level. As you know the State of Maine has taken more of your revenue and spent it in Augusta. The Summer is a good time to see local politicians at parades and events, let them know your feelings about raising your taxes and failing to make any cuts in Augusta.

NEW FACES: We have several new faces in town, please come in and introduce yourself to them:

Code Officer: Grant Watmough
Fire Chief: Kevin Soule
Public Works Foreman: Orrin Parker
Treasurer and Bookkeeper: Laura Curtis

I URGE YOU TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE MANY OPENINGS AS LISTED ABOVE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND GET INVOLVED.